INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

Case of: Maricruz Hinojoza, et al. v. Republic of Fiscalandia

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We are pleased to welcome you to the 25th annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. The case, which focuses on the topic of “Rule of law and Human Rights: Strengthening Democratic Institutions” was written by Katya Salazar and Ursula Indacochea.

The relationship between the Democratic Institutions and International Human Rights Law and the emerging challenges in this relationship are important topics within the Inter-American system and we are excited to be a part of the effort to feature this issue more prominently. Just by participating in the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, you will have the opportunity to build on the skills that will help you in your legal careers and connect with human rights experts from around the globe. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the teams that have worked so hard to be able to participate in the competition. Although there will be only one final winner, you should all be very proud of the work you have done to get here.

We would like to wish the best of luck to all of the participating teams and thank the judges for their commitment to human rights and their dedication to the competition.

Warm regards,

Claudio Grossman  
Co-President

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Co-President

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1996 - 2020 INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION
The Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, which is a simulation of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights, was established to train attorneys on how to use the Inter-American human rights legal system as a legitimate forum for redressing human rights violations. This year marks the 25th edition of the competition, with the first competition taking place in 1995. Since its inception, the Competition has been an important forum for the analysis of international human rights law and a valuable educational tool. The Competition challenges student competitors and human rights practitioners alike by engaging them in cutting-edge legal discussions concerning the Inter-American human rights legal system, one of the world’s most active international legal bodies. In the past 25 years, we have:

- Trained 3000+ student and faculty participants from 300+ universities from 40+ countries in the Inter-American human rights legal system
- Expanded to a trilingual Competition (English, Spanish, Portuguese)
- Created a network of alumni who currently work at local, national and international NGOs, human rights governmental offices, and the Inter-American Court and Commission on Human Rights.
- Involved private attorneys, human rights practitioners, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights attorneys and diplomatic corps members as volunteer judges
- Increased yearly participation of teams and countries represented
ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Inspires law schools to create courses and clinics based on the Inter-American system. Written on a cutting-edge topic currently debated within the Inter-American system, the hypothetical case operates as the basis of the competition, and students argue the merits of this case by writing legal memoranda and preparing oral arguments for presentation in front of human rights experts acting as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

WRITTEN PLEADINGS (MEMORIALS)

- Each team represents either the State, the Victims or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

- Memorials must be submitted by teams in accordance with space and format limitations stated in the Official Rules.

- Timely submission of the memorials is required in order to avoid penalties.

- The team with the best memorial in English, Spanish and Portuguese will each receive a plaque in honor of their achievements.

For more information about the history of the competition, please visit: https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/hracademy/moot/
PARTICIPANT TEAMS

ARGENTINA
Universidad de Buenos Aires Facultad de Derecho
Universidad Nacional de José Clemente Paz
Universidad Champagnat

BARBADOS
The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

BELGIUM
Universiteit Gent

BOLIVIA
Universidad Catolica Boliviana “San Pablo” Unidad Academica Regional Cochabamba

BRAZIL
Centro Universitário Antonio Eufrásio de Toledo de Presidente Prudente
Centro Universitário do Pará
Escola Superior Dom Helder Câmara
Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
FGV Direito Rio
FGV Direito SP
FMP – Fundação Escola Superior do Ministério Público
Universidade de São Paulo
Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
Universidade Estadual de Londrina
Universidade Federal da Bahia
Universidade Federal do Pará
Universidade Federal do Paraná
Universidade São Judas Tadeu

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PARTICIPANT TEAMS

CHILE
Universidad Alberto Hurtado

COLOMBIA
Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana - Bogotá
Universidad Católica de Colombia
Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)
Universidad de Nariño Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas
Universidad del Cauca – Colombia
Universidad Externado de Colombia
Universidad Sergio Arboleda
Universidad Simón Bolívar – Barranquilla. Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales
Universidad Tecnológica del Chocó

ECUADOR
Universidad Metropolitana del Ecuador – Sede Machala.

EL SALVADOR
Universidad de El Salvador, Facultad Multidisciplinaria Oriental

FRANCE
Université Toulouse 1 Capitole

GUATEMALA
Universidad del Istmo
Universidad Rafael Landivar Campus Central

HONDURAS
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION
PARTICIPANT TEAMS

MEXICO
Facultad de Derecho Tijuana de la Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico - Derecho
ITESO, Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara
Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro
Universidad IberoAmericana (Ciudad de México)
Universidad IberoAmericana Torreón
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Facultad de Derecho
Universidad Veracruzana

PARAGUAY
Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional del Este
Universidad Católica “Nuestra Señora de la Asunción” Campus Itapúa

PERU
Universidad Católica de Santa María

SINGAPORE
National University of Singapore

SPAIN
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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
University of the West Indies Faculty of Law (St Augustine)

UNITED STATES
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VENEZUELA
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello

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SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

FACEBOOK ALL DAY
25 Years of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition |
25 Años del Concurso Interamericano de Derechos Humanos |

TODO EL DIA
25 Anos da Competição Interamericano de Direitos Humanos |

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

11:00AM
Rule of Law and Human Rights: Strengthening Democratic Institutions Regional Voices Panel

2:00PM
La CIDH, mecanismos de trabajo y desafíos actuales

3:00PM
IAMOOT Information Session on LL.M in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

4:00PM
Asociación de Participantes del Concurso Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (APCI)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

11:00AM
Discusión con las autoras del caso hipotético

1:00PM
Discussion with Authors of the Hypothetical Case

2:00PM
CIDH, mecanismos de trabalho e desafios atuais
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SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

11:00AM  Estado de Derecho y Derechos Humanos: El Fortalecimiento de las Instituciones Democráticas en Tiempos de Crisis

2:00PM  The IACHR, working mechanisms and current challenges

3:00PM  Sesión informativa LL.M. en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional Humanitario

4:00PM  Evento con la APCI: "La defensa de derechos humanos desde la práctica privada"

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

11:00AM  2020 CLOSING CEREMONY: Special Guest Speakers on the Future of the Inter-American System; Memorials Announcement; and 2021 Competition Announcement

CEREMONIA DE CLAUSURA 2020: Panelistas especiales sobre el futuro del sistema interamericano; Anuncio de memoriales; y Anuncio del Concurso de 2021

CERIMÔNIA DE ENCERRAMENTO 2020: Palestrantes Especiais sobre o Futuro do Sistema Interamericano; Anúncio de memoriais; e Anúncio do Concurso de 2021
AUTHORS OF HYPO
2020 INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

KATYA SALAZAR
Is the Executive Director of DPLF for over 10 years. Since then, the organization created its human rights and natural resources program and promoted a deeper involvement in the regional discussion on the future of the Inter-American human rights system. Ms. Salazar is a Peruvian attorney and has a Master’s degree in International Public Law from the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

URSULA INDACOCHA
Is the Program Director of DPLF and she is in charge of monitoring and undertaking technical diagnoses of judicial processes across Latin America on the basis of international standards and best practices. Ms. Indacochea is a Peruvian lawyer and has a Master’s degree in Constitutional Law. She has published articles and books on the theory of law, constitutional law, justice systems, constitutional litigation, and international human rights.
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2019: CASE OF GONZALO BELANO AND 807 OTHER WAIRAN PERSONS V. REPUBLIC OF ARCADIA
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Second Place
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Mikael de Oliveira Waiss & Júlia Dinah Vaz Gonçalves

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First Place
Universidad Católica de Santa María
Adriana Martínez & Paola Andrea Macedo Leiva
Second Place
Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Angélica Suárez Torres & Angie Daniela Yepes García

2017: RICARDO MADEIRA ET. AL. V. REPUBLIC OF ZIRCONDIA
First Place
Universidad Externado de Colombia
Andrea Yulieth Lloreda Flores & María Camila Vega Salazar
Second Place
Universidad de San Martín de Porres
Sarah Fernanda Meneses Pajuelo & Jheimy Leonardo Ubillús Segura

2016: EDMUNDO CAMANA ET AL., PICHICHA AND ORÍFUNA PEOPLES V. SAN-TA CLARA
First Place
Universidad Sergio Arboleda
Silvana Puccini Montoya & Yessika Morales
Second Place
Faculdade de Direito da Fundação Escola Superior do Ministério Público
Ana Carolina Campara Brittes & Fernanda Madalosso Guimarães

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Winners of Past Competitions

2015: BOLT ET AL. V. THE CARDENAL REPUBLIC

First Place
Universidade de São Paulo
Luisa Weichert and Bernardo de Souza Dantas Fico

Second Place
Pontifícia Universidade Católica - Rio de Janeiro
Maria Luisa Saboya and Felipe Salathé Rogoginsky

2014: CRISTAL TOVAR V. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EXCLUTIA

First Place
University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
Amanda Montague & Ori Kublalsingh

Second Place
Universidade Federal de Paraíba - Centro de Ciências Jurídicas
Marcella Ribeiro d’Avila Lins & Daniel de Macedo Soares

2013: SERAFINA CONEJO GALLO AND ADRIANA TIMOR V. ELIZABETIA

First Place
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
Bernardo Kaiser & Paulo Henrique Tavares

Second Place
Universidad De San Martin de Porres
Alexandra Cabrera Sánchez & Apodemio Paul Salcedo Paulino

2012: THE CHUPANKY COMMUNITY ET ALV. LA ATLANTIS

First Place
Universidad Marista de Merida A.C.
Montserrat Peniche Hijuelos & Maria Fernanda Fitzmaurice Cahluni

Second Place
Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Natalia Suárez Sánchez & Natalia Mora-Arbelaez

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Winners of Past Competitions

2011: RICHARDSON, UNZUÉ ET AL. V. JUVENLANDIA

First Place
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (Venezuela)
Rolando Ignacio Seijas & Manuel Andrés Casas

Second Place
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina
Karina Graciela Carpintero & Belen Eliana Donzelli

2010: RADICAL RADIO ET AL. V. CHIRILAGUA

First Place
Universidad Diego Portales
Valentina Maturana & Sylvana Mariangel

Second Place
Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo
Freddy Elias Cabrera & José Angel Alcántara

2009: ROSALIE FOURNIER AND BRUNO TAMBA V. TYNALANDIA

First Place
Universidad Veracruzana
Luis Eliud Tapia Olivares & Gabriela Carreón Lee

Second Place
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (Venezuela)
Eduardo Trujillo & Manuel Polanco H.

2008: ARIZMENDI ET AL V. CHUQUI

First Place
Universidad San Martin de Porres
Hugo Torres Armas & Jenny Isabel Vento Curi

Second Place
Universidad de la Sabana Facultad de Derecho
María del Pilar Gutierrez & Jose Emilio Lemus Mesa
Winners of Past Competitions

2007: ROSA LUNA V. AZAR REPUBLIC
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
Romina Laura Ronda & Analía Laura Zanessi
Second Place
Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Ana Maria Navarrete Frias & Carlos Mauricio Lopez Cardenas

2006: JUANA OLIN VS. IBEROLANDIA
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
Andrés Javier Roussel Siri & Daniel Enrique Rodríguez Infante
Second Place
Universidad de los Andes
Alejandro Jiménez & Polonia Forero

2005: BLANCO ET AL. VS. BELOR REPUBLIC
First Place
Pontificia Universidad Javariana
Alberto Mario Páez Bastidas & María Alejandra Brijaldo Acosta
Second Place
Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
Daniel Lopes Cerqueira & Fabrício Araújo Prado

2004: CINE, FELANUMA ET AL. VS. THE STATE OF EMERALD
First Place
University of West Indies
Ky-Ann Lee & Conway Blake
Second Place
Universidad de los Andes
María José Veramendi Villa & Paula Andrea Avila Guillén

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Winners of Past Competitions

2003: VALENCIA ET AL. C. LIBERTÉ
First Place
Universidad Externado de Colombia
Nicolás Carrillo Santarelli & Manuel Yasser Paez Ramirez
Second Place
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
Mónica Inés Hernández Gómez & Juana Inés Acosta López

2002: WILLIAMS ET AL VS. STATE OF BUENAVENTURA
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Second Place
Universidad La Salle, AC

2001: PAGURA WORKERS' UNION ET AL VS. ALTA CALEDONIA
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Jomary Liz Ortegón Osorio & Oscar Javier Parra Vera
Second Place
Universidad Católica de Santiago de Guayaquil
Oswaldo Zavala-Giler & Xavier Flores Aguirre

2000: VICTORIA RIEL GUEVARA ET AL VS. ALBORIA
First Place
Universidad Externado de Colombia
Julia María Rubiano de la Cruz & Carolina Duque Torres
Second Place
Universidad Nacional de Tucumán
Valentina García Salemi & Fernanda Doz Costa
Winners of Past Competitions

1999: ALEJANDRO PÉREZ ("ALEJANDRO MAYTA") VS. THE REPUBLIC OF MIRANDA
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Tucumán
Aníbal Anaquín & Vanessa Isabel Lucero
Second Place
Universidad de Buenos Aires
Vanessa Gabriela Borgoña & Julio Bacio Terracino

1998: RÓMULO ESTRADA VS. ITHAKA
First Place
Universidad de Buenos Aires
Leonardo G. Filippini & María Cecilia Piñeiro
Second Place
University of Florida College of Law
Rusten Hurd & Cynthia Lee

1997: CECILIA HEROLD ET AL VS. PACIFICA
First Place
Universidad Nacional de Tucumán
María Elisa Gallo & Aldo Federico Caliari
Second Place
Universidad Nacional de la Plata
Mría Isabel Racciardi & Pablo Trevisan

1996: SYBILLE OLIVERA VS. MARELLE
First Place
Universidad Diego Portales
Nicolas Espejo Yaksic & Alvaro Jana Linetzky
Second Place
University of Maryland
Mike Stoghill & Fernando Carpio

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Registration starts November 1, 2020
Thank you! Gracias! Obrigado!